

COALITION INVITATION

FEBRUARY 21, 2012

The very diverse individuals signing this letter are inviting you to the first of six meetings over six months to develop a list of specific projects in the Bay Delta that can be broadly supported.

Initial thoughts, subject to refinement by the group:

Criteria

Projects that can be on line in 5 to 10 years

Projects that are “no risk or low risk for any regrets” and do not prejudice the outcome of BDCP or the Delta Stewardship Plan

Projects that can be funded

Supportable by affected landowners

Projects we could learn from

Projects that are designed or refined/re-designed to avoid impacts and provide multiple benefits

Supported by science, and that come with specific monitoring or performance criteria, but absolute certainty of outcome not possible or required

Projects that could foster further cooperation

No “red flagged” projects

Cooperative Projects

Some levee strengthening projects, perhaps with some dredging

Some habitat restoration projects on public lands or willing seller with no unmitigated impacts to third parties

Some emergency preparedness projects

Any other types of projects that would meet the criteria

Fund sources

Prop 1 E for levee/dredging/emergency preparedness; Prop 50 and 84, and CVPIA restoration funds; State Federal Water Contractors Agency for habitat (counting towards the 8,000 acre requirement they have under the Biological Opinions)

Coalition participants retain their abilities to support or oppose any projects outside of the list.

Possible Coalition participants to support agreed upon projects

Delta landowners, State Federal Water Contractors Agency, in-Delta agencies (Stockton, CCWD, NBA contractors, ECCID, BBID, City of Antioch, Central Delta Water Agency, South Delta Water Agency), Delta Counties; DWR, USBR, USFWS, DFG, NOAA Fisheries, Delta Conservancy, Reclamation Districts, environmental groups.

Parties consulted with to date:

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Efficient and Facilitated Process

It is anticipated that a list of projects that can be broadly supported can be developed in six meetings. Facilitation will be provided by Susan Sherry, Executive Director of the California Center for Collaborative Policy.

Open Process

All meetings will be noticed and open to the public.

Date and Time for the First Meeting.

The first meeting will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at the Center for Collaborative Policy, 815 S Street (on S street, between 8th and 9th streets), Sacramento.

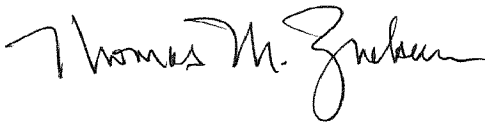
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